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Common Ground: Global Perspectives on Minorities' Land Rights

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Monday, March 6, 2006
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
6th Floor Student Lounge

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Global Perspectives on Minorities' Land Rights

This conference will address both the root causes of land loss and the legal remedies being used to prevent land loss and restore land rights to minorities in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the United States.

The morning panel will begin with an examination of historic and current land loss, as well as threats to land title such as government seizure for commercial development, dams and other large-scale projects.

The afternoon panel will address land restitution and compensation, as well as means of protecting land title. Case studies presented will include current North American Indian land claims, restitution for indigenous Guatemalans displaced by a World Bank-funded dam, and development of land trusts in the Southern United States to fight land loss in rural communities.



Schedule at a Glance

- 9am** Registration
Light Breakfast Served
- 10 am-12 pm** Panel 1
Land Loss: Overview and Case Studies
- 12 pm-1:30 pm** Luncheon & Keynote Address
- 1:30pm-3:30pm** Panel 2
Legal Remedies for Land Loss Prevention, Restitution and Resettlement

Program Description

Welcome Remarks

Dean Claudio Grossman

American University Washington College of Law and former President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Panel 1 10am-12pm Land Loss: Overview and Case Studies

Savi Horne

Associate Director Agricultural Policy and Administration
Land Loss Prevention Project

Topic: Historic African American land loss in the Southern United States.

Lauren Baker

Program Associate, Law and Communities and Human Rights and the Environment Center for International Environmental Law
Topic: Collective community land rights and Public Interest Law Groups (PILGs) in the Philippines.

Dr. Stephan Schwartzman

International Program Co-Director
Environmental Defense

Topic: The indigenous movement and indigenous land rights in the Amazon.

Program Description Continued

Dr. Beverly L. Peters

Adjunct Professor, African Politics and Development
Georgetown University
Topic: Political land reform in Zimbabwe.

Lunch 12:00 pm-1:30pm
Keynote Address

Panel 2 1:30pm-3:30pm Legal Remedies for Land Loss Prevention, Restitution and Resettlement

Enrique Gomez-Pinzon

Partner, International and Cross-Border Transactions Group, Business Law Section
Holland & Knight, LLP

Topic: Legal representation of the Coordinating Committee of Communities Affected by the Construction of the Chixoy Dam (COCAHICH) in Guatemala.

Alexandra Page

Staff Attorney
Indian Law Resource Center
Topic: American Indian land claims in New York State.

Paul Hurt

Deputy General Counsel
The Conservation Fund
Topic: Land trusts and other domestic preventative legal remedies.

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